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Botox

How is it used?

It is injected with a very thin short needle to the muscles of the face.

Is it painful?

The injection is easily done without numbing. It is less painful than an injection of a vaccine.

What is it used for?

It is used for the treatment of upper facial wrinkles, including forehead, sides of eyes, and frown lines. It has several other uses which varies for each person.

How does it work?

Local muscle weakness is the expected action of this medicine by working on nerve endings connected to the target muscles.

Does it work for everyone?

Rarely does it not work and causes may include inadequate dose selection, selection of inappropriate muscles for injection, inaccessible muscles to injection due to underlying structural abnormalities, inappropriate storage or reconstitution, as well as neutralizing antibodies to botulinum toxin.

Can everyone use it?

Hypersensitivity to any botulinum toxin type A or to any ingredients, the presence of infection at the proposed injection site(s) and any muscle disorders in other parts of body, including myasthenia gravis, Eaton Lambert Syndrome or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis are reasons not to use it. It is not recommended during pregnancy and breast-feeding, or below 18 years old.

What do you expect after injection?

No changes will be seen immediately after injection except for a few minutes of redness, burning/stinging/pain at the injection site. Bruising at the injection site may be seen which is very minor in most cases. Wrinkle reduction starts after a few days and reaches its maximum in 2 weeks.



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How long does the effect last?

It usually lasts for about 3 months but it varies in different people and sites of injection.

Are there any serious side effects?

It is seen very rarely in Botox cosmetic use. Make sure you inform your doctor of any medical problems or medications you take. Seek immediate medical attention if swallowing, speech or respiratory problems arise. The most common side effect is weakness of undesired muscles leading to asymmetry in face features like eyebrow, drooping of eyelids. These are not permanent and can usually be managed at the follow-up session. As with all biologic products, an anaphylactic reaction may occur.

How much product do I need?

It varies in different people depending on their age, sex, sun exposure and site of injection.

Is there a follow-up needed?

It is highly recommended you follow up after 2 weeks to make sure the result is optimum. There may be touch-ups needed at this time.

How do I get charged?

You will pay by number of units used. If you need more injections at your follow-up, you will pay according to the number of units used at that time.

What after care do I need?

There is not much needed. For details, please refer to " Botox Handout".